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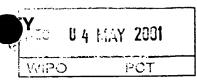
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1. This and	interna is trans	ational preliminary exam smitted to the applicant a	ination report has been prep according to Article 36.	pared by this In	ternational Preliminary Examining Authority
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VI		Certain documents cite	ed		
VII		Certain defects in the in	nternational application.		·
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	and		response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" of this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)):
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		contained in the int	ternational application in written form.
		filed together with t	the international application in computer readable form.
		furnished subseque	ently to this Authority in written form.
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			the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in oplication as filed has been furnished.
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		the description,	pages:
		the claims,	Nos.:

1. With regard to the elements of the international application (Replacement sheets which have been furnished to

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	Inv	entive step (IS)	Yes: No:	Claims Claims	1-42								



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Industrial applicability (IA)

Yes:

Claims 1-42

No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made: see separate sheet

The following objections in view of clarity are made: 1.)

Though the clarification, which is given on p. 10, II.24-26 of the application, is considered, the wording "absorbable polyester" in the Claims is not fully clear (Art.6 PCT). The wording might be understood in the following way: the polyester chains "disasssociate" to water soluble products?

- 2.) The following documents are considered:
 - WO 97/39738 D1
 - D2 WO97/40085
- Present Cls. 1,2,5,9,10,11,14-30 differ from D1 (p.3,II.12,13 and Cls. 3.) 1,4,5,8,9,22,23-25) in the ratio of carboxyl/hydroxyl groups in the polyester, which is not explicitly specified in D1.

Present Cls.9 and 10 differ from D2 (Cls.1-5,7,10,11,14,15,19; ex.21) in the ratio of carboxyl/hydroxyl groups in the polyester, which is not explicitly specified in D2.

Therefore, present Claims are novel in view of the prior art documents D1 and D2. If a person skilled in the art starting from D1 wanted to provide further ionic conjugates of biodegradable polyesters and bioactive polypeptides, it seems an obvious solution to try polyesters with a specified hydroxyl/carboxyl group ratio, which are not explicitly disclosed in the prior art. To emphasize a surprising technical effect caused by the above distinguishing feature was neither stated nor proved. Therefore, present Cls.1,2,5,9,10,11,14-30 are deemed to lack an inventive step in view of D1 (and Cls. 9 and 10 of the present application, additionally, in view of D2).

The further dependent Claims of the present application do not encompass features, which might support an inventive step. Clearly stated: the coating of a rod with a polyester is not shown by the applicant to be related to a surprising technical effect. Therefore, all present Cls. 1-42 are deemed to lack an inventive step.



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These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the PCT Applicant's Guide, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article", "Rule", and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions respectively.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international phulication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only.

What parts of the international application may be amended?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

When?

Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

Where not to file the amendments?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 45.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been its filed, see below.

How?

Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

What documents must/may accompany the amendments?

Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

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The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped), whether

- (i) the claim is unchanged;
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed.

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

- [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]:
 Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added.
- [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]: "Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11."
- [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims): "Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added." or "Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged."
- [Where various kinds of amendments are made]:
 "Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added."

"Statement under article 19(1)" (Rule 46.4)

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims.

It must be in the language in which the international appplication is to be published.

It must be brief, not exceeding 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confused with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words "Statement under Article 19(1)."

It may not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. Reference to citations, relevant to a given claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed

If, at the time of filing any amendments under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must preferably, at the same time of filing the amendments with the International Bureau, also file a copy of such amendments with the International Preliminary Examining Authority (see Rule 62.2(a), first sentence).

Consequence with regard to translation of the international application for entry into the national phase

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, where upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Offices, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/elected Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.



INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).
Box ii Observations where unity of Invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)
This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
1. Claims :1-8,19,22,25,28,31-34
2. Claims : 9-18,20,21,23,24,26,27,29,30,35-42
As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. X As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
Remark on Protest The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest. No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT CO8G63/08 A61K47/48 C08G63/64 According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC B. FIELDS SEARCHED Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) C08G A61K IPC 7 Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used) C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT Relevant to claim No. Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages Category 1 WO 97 39738 A (TOURAUD FRANCK JEAN CLAUDE 9.10. X ;KINERTON LTD (IE); LOUGHMAN THOMAS CIA) 14-30 30 October 1997 (1997-10-30) 1-8 claims 1-39 WO 97 40085 A (TOURAUD FRANK JEAN CLAUDE 9,10 X RUSSELL RUTH MARY (IE); KINERTON LTD (I) 30 October 1997 (1997-10-30) claims 1-11; example 21 Patent family members are listed in annex. Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C. X "" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the Special categories of cited documents : "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone earlier document but published on or after the international "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified) "Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such document with combined with one or more other such documents to combine the such combined with one of the such combined with one of the such combined to ments, such combination being obvious to a person skilled "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed "&" document member of the same patent family Date of mailing of the international search report Date of the actual completion of the international search 25/05/2000 18 May 2000 Authorized officer Name and mailing address of the ISA European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentiaan 2 NL – 2280 HV Rijswijk Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl, Decocker, L

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2. Claims: 9-18,20,21,23,24,26,27,29,30,35-42

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- 1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
- 2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
- 3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

4. REMINDER

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the . No Docketing Required PCT Applicant's Guide.

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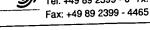
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Industrial applicability (IA)

Yes:

Claims 1-42

No:

Claims

2. Citations and explanations see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made: see separate sheet

1.) The following objections in view of clarity are made:

Though the clarification, which is given on p. 10, II.24-26 of the application, is considered, the wording "absorbable polyester" in the Claims is not fully clear (Art.6 PCT). The wording might be understood in the following way: the polyester chains "disasssociate" to water soluble products?

- 2.) The following documents are considered:
 - D1 WO 97/39738
 - D2 WO97/40085
- 3.) Present Cls. 1,2,5,9,10,11,14-30 differ from D1 (p.3,ll.12,13 and Cls. 1,4,5,8,9,22,23-25) in the ratio of carboxyl/hydroxyl groups in the polyester, which is not explicitly specified in D1.

Present Cls.9 and 10 differ from D2 (Cls.1-5,7,10,11,14,15,19; ex.21) in the ratio of carboxyl/hydroxyl groups in the polyester, which is not explicitly specified in D2.

Therefore, present Claims are novel in view of the prior art documents D1 and D2. If a person skilled in the art starting from D1 wanted to provide further ionic conjugates of biodegradable polyesters and bioactive polypeptides, it seems an obvious solution to try polyesters with a specified hydroxyl/carboxyl group ratio, which are not explicitly disclosed in the prior art. To emphasize a surprising technical effect caused by the above distinguishing feature was neither stated nor proved. Therefore, present Cls.1,2,5,9,10,11,14-30 are deemed to lack an inventive step in view of D1 (and Cls. 9 and 10 of the present application, additionally, in view of D2).

The further dependent Claims of the present application do not encompass features, which might support an inventive step. Clearly stated: the coating of a rod with a polyester is not shown by the applicant to be related to a surprising technical effect. Therefore, all present Cls. 1-42 are deemed to lack an inventive step.

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